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Introduction

Praise be to Allah. We ask Him help and forgiverness. We refuge to Him from the evils of ourselvers and from our bad deeds. He who Allah guides to piety, nobody can lead him astray and he who Allah makes astray, nobody can lead him to good actions. we certify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad, peace be upon him, is His Messenger.

Allah, The exalted said:

"O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feard and die not except in a state of Islam And:

"over you (Al. Nisa': 1). mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, who created his wife {Hawwa (Eve), and from them both he created a lot of men and women. Fear Allah through whom you demand (your mutual rights. Don't cut the relations with your kinship .Allah is always All the Watcher: over you (Al Nisa: 1).

"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him and (always) say the lruth, He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and forgive your sins. Who Obeys Allah and his Messenger will win a great achievement."

(Al AHZAB: 70-71)

After that:

The Miracle of the Isra' and the Mi'raj is one of the glorious great miracles granted to our prophet, Muhammad, peace be upon him. He (PBUH) has the right upon his followers and upon his nation to be familiar with, to know and understand this miracle.

Therefore, I would like to tell its story as depicted in the correct Hadith, especially those scrutinized by our Sheikh, the age scholar and Bilad Al sham Hadith teller, Muhammed Nasiruddin al- Al- Albani- May Allah mercy him. He wrote a book including Isra' and Miraj narratives as told by Al- sahaba (prophet Muhammad followers) showing the correct and the uncorrect ones, but he died before he finished that book. Al- Aheikh Al Albani, May Allah mercty him, had intended to collect the stories and the additions and put them together as he had done in his book, "The Story of the Antichrist, Al Masseeh Al- Dajjal"

When the book was published as it is, incomplete, I liked to continue what our sheikh May Allah Mercy him- had intended, to add stories and additions of the correct al Isra' and Miraj Hadith on the story pattern.

I did so for the benefit of all science students, in general and for people, in particular, because they are afflicted with a book that became popular at our time and spread among people. This book was called "Al-Isra' wal'Miraj' and falsely attributed to Ibn Abbas. This book included false lying and originless hadiths. The scientists have warned people not to read, publish (spread) and propagate this book among people.

In conclusion, I can't but talk abut some introductions.

1 **First**: Isra' and Miraj definitions:

Al- Isra' : is a name given to the journey of prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, from the Holy Mosque of Makka to Al AQSA Mosque,

Al- Mi'raj: it is the journey of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Bait Al Makd's to the higher heavens and what he had seen on that journey which was one of the great miracles of Allah.

2 **Second**: Al- Isra' and Al- miraj occur by soul and body together as all Sunna people agree.

Hafith Bin Katheer, in his Qurran interpretation (3/ 25) says:

"The proof on this is what Allah says:

"Glorified and (Exalted) is He (Allah) who took his slave, Muhammad (PBUH)[for a journey by night from Al- Masjid Al-Haram (in Makkah) to Al Masjid Al- Aqsa of Jerusalem whereof we have blessed its neighbourhood: "Al- (Isra' : I).

The Glorification of Allah occurs in major cases.

If it had been a mere dream, it wouldn't have been a big matter Qureish infidels wouldn't have hstened to falsify it, and a group of muslims wouldn't have withdrawn from Islam. Moreover, the slave is a soul and a body combined together.

Allah says: He took his slave by night", and says "We have made the vision We had shown you nothing but an ordeal to people Bin

Abbas said:

‘It is an eye vision showed to prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by Al Isra’ night; the cursed tree is the Zakum tree’, narrated by Al- Bukhari (3/1412).

Allah says”, The sight of prophet Muhamad (PBUH) turned not a side (right or left) nor it transgressed beyond the limit. “(Al Najm: 17). The sight is one of parts (tools) of body not soul. Prophet Muhammad, also, wad carried on Al- Burag, a white beast… the body can be carried so, not the soul because te soul doesn’t need a vehicle to ride on when it moves from one place to another… Allah only knows.

It is reported that Abu Alk- Khattan, Omar Bin Dahiya said (3/26):

‘All muslims agreed on the hadith of Al- Isra’ but abandoned by atheists and disbelievers”. Allah sys,

“They want to extinguish the light of Allah but Allah made his light complete even if the infidels hate that.”

3 **Third**: Moving prophet Muhammad from Al- Masjid Al- Haram to Al- Masjid Al – Aqsa shows the favourable position of Al- Masjid Al- Aqsa and Allah has tied the two mosques with an everlasting bond until Doomsday (when the earth and the creatures above it return to Allah).

4 **Fourth**: Did Mahammad (PBUH) see his Lord at Miraj Night? The correect answer which scientists of Sunna agreed upon is that Muhammad didn’t see his Lord. They have lot of evidences

including:

- Muslim narrtes in Sahih Muslim (1/161) that Abu Tharr says: I asked the Messenger of Allah (PBUH): Did you see your Lord?
- He replied “Light! How could I see Him?
- AL Imam Al- Nawawi said in Sahih Muslim explanation (3/12) He means that His (Allah) veil is light, How can I see Him?”
- Al- Bukari (4/1840) and Muslim (1/159) through Masrouq narrate that A’isha said:
- There are three matters he who talks about one of them will tell a great lie upon Allah.
- He asked, What are they? She said, “ Who claimed that Muhammad (PBUH) saw his Lord is telling abig lie upon Allah. He said: I was leaning and sat down and said, ‘O mother of believers, give me time, please, Doesn’t Allah, the Great and Almighty say, ‘He saw him in the clear horizon’ and, “And Indeed Muhammad saw him at a second descent.”

She said, I am the first one, in this nation, who asked the Messenger of Allah about that and he replied, it is jibril. I haven’t seen his real picture, as he was created, except these two times. I saw him (Jibril) descending from Heaven covering the space between heaven and earth. Aisha said, “Haven’t you heard that Allah says, “He can’t be seen by sights and he can see sights and He is the Most Kind the Most Experienced.

Haven’t you heard that Allah says: No human being can talk to Him except through an angel (wahi) or from behind a veil or by sending a messenger. Then the messenger will be inspired with whatever Allah wants by His permission. Allah is The Most Knowing The Most Wise.”

She said” He who claimed that the Messenger of Allah had concealed something of the Book of Allah will be a great liar upon Allah Who says: ‘O messenger!

Tell people what you have received from Allah, your Lord,

If you don’t, then you will not convey His message”

She said, “He who claims that he an predict the future will be a big liar upon Alah Who says, ‘Say, O Muhammad that no one on earth can predict the future except Allah.”

This is what I liked to mention here in this hasty work asking Allah to benefit (people) in it.

May Allah bless Muhammad, all his family – and his companions.

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Allah, The Exalted said:

Glorified (and exalted) is He (Allah) Who took his slave (Muhammad PBUH) for a journey by night from Al- Masjid Al- Haram (at Makka) to Al Masjid Al Aqsa (in Jerusalem the neighbourhood whereof We have blessed, in order that we might show Muhammad (PBUH) of our Ayat (proofs, evidences etc). Verily, He is the All Hearer, the All- Seer" (Al-Isra': 1).

And Allah The Exalted said: (AL- Najm: 1-18)

1. By the star when it goes down (vanishes).
2. Your companion, Muhammad (PBUH) has neither gone astray nor has erred.
3. Nor does he speak of (his own) desire.
4. It is only a revellation revealed.
5. He has been taught (this Quran) by one mighty in power (Jibril).
6. Jibril in his shape rose and became stable.
7. While Jibril was in the highest part of the horizon.
8. Then Jibril approached and came closer.
9. And was at a distance of two bows' length or (even) nearer.
10. So, (Allah) revealed to his slave Muhammad through (Jibril) whatever he revealed.

11. The (prophet’s) heart lied not about what Muhammad saw.
12. Will you then dispute with Muhammad about what he saw (during the Mi’raj)?
13. And Indeed Muhammad saw him (Jibril) at a second descent.
14. Near Sidrat- al – Muntaha.
15. Near it is the Paradise Abode.
16. When that covered the lote- tree which did cover it.
17. The sight of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) turned not aside (right or left) nor it transgressed beyond the limit.
18. Indeed, Muhammad did see the Greatest Signs of his Lord (Allah).

And He Said:

“We didn’t make the dream (vision) We have shown you but a trial (an ordeal) to people.”

Al- Isra' and Al Mi'raj

The Messenger of Alah (PBUH) said:

While I was at Ka'aba in Al- Hateem, half- sleeping and half- awake , I heard somebody saying: one of the three, the one between the two (prophet Muhammad was sleeping between Hamza and Ja'afar).

I came. He set out taking me to Zamzam. Gabriel cut my chest from the throat (the upper part of the chest) to the lower abdomen. He extracted my heart. They brought me a golden washbasin full of faith and wisdom. I had my heart washed with Zamzam water then stuffed with faith and wisdom, returned back into its place and repacked, Then, They brought me Al- Buraq- a beast below the mule and over the donkey, white, with a long stretched back putting its hoof at his extreme edge- harnessed and saddled That was hard for me. So Jibril said to Alburaq: “Are you doing so with Muhammad?! Nobody dearer to Allah has ever ridden you.” Al- Buraq was flushed with sweat. I actuated Al- Buraq. Jibril. set out having me with him. I passed by Musa at the red dune while he was standing prayig in his grave.

Gabriel and I were still on Al- Buraq's back until we reached Bait Al- Maqdis. I tied Al- Buraq to the ring where prophets used to tie their beasts. Then I entered the Mosque and prayed two prostrations (Raqa') then exit. Gabriel, peace be upon him, brought me a pot of wine and a pot of milk. I chose the milk. Gabriel said, “You have chosen the instinct.” Gabriel said to the heaven keeper: “Open. “ He said, “Who is this? He said, “Gabriel” He said, “Do you have anyone with you?” He said, 'Yes' He said, 'Who is with you?' He said, 'Muhammad is with me: He said,”

Is he assigned as a messenger/ He said, 'Yes'. He said, "He is welcome. His coming is a blessing. "He opened the lower heaven. Then we went higher. We saw a man sitting with people on his right and on his left.

He laughed when he looked rightward and wept when he looked leftward. H asked Jibril: Who is this?

Jibril answered: 'This is your father Adam and those people on his right and left are the Paradise dwellers and the Hell dwellers respectively. If he looks to the right he laughs and if he looks to the left he weeps.

Jibril said; Say Alsalam Aleikum to him. Adam said 'Waaleikumussalam. Welcome! You, the good son and the good prophet. How good the son!" He prayed to God for may benefit. Then Al- Buraq took us ascending to the second heaven, Jibril asked the heavenkeeper to open the gate. Somebody said, 'Who is this? Jibril said: 'Jibril:

Somebody said, "Who is with you?" Jibril said: 'Muhammad'.

Somebody said, "Is he assigned as a messenger? Jibril Said, Yes.' Somebody said, "Welcome! How blessed is his coming!". He opened (the gate) for us. Upon entering, I saw my cousins Yahya and Isa, peace be upon them.

Jibril Said, 'These are Yahya and Isa, bid them Al- Salam.

I did and they responded and said, 'Welcome! You, the good brother and the good prophet." They asked Allah to benefit me. Then We were ascended to the third heaven. Jibril asked to have the gate opened. It is said, 'Who is this? He said, Jibril. It is said, 'Who is with you?'

He said, ‘Muhammad!’ It is said, ‘Is he assigned as a messenger?” ‘He said, ‘Yes’: It is said,” He’s Welcome. How blessing is his coming! The gate was opened for us.”

When I entered I saw Yousif, peace be upon him. He was given a great part of beauty. Jibril said, ‘This is Yousif Bid him Al- Salam. I did and he responded and said Welcome! You, the good brother and the good prophet.

He asked Allah to make my deeds good.

Then we ascended to the fourth heaven. Jibril asked to have the gate open. It is said, Who are you?’ He said, ‘Jibril: it is said, “Who is with you? He said, Muhammad! It is said, Is he assigned a messenger? ‘He said,” Yes” The gate was open and suddenly we saw Idris.

I said, ‘Who is this? He said Idris, bid him Alsalam.

I did and he responded and said, ‘Welcom! You, the good brother and the good prophet. ‘He asked Allah to direct me to the good actions, Allah the glorified and exalted says, “ We have elevated him to a high position.”

Then we were lifted to the fifth heaven. Jibril asked to have the gate open. “It is said, “Who are you?

He said, ‘Jibril ! It is said, ‘And who is with you?’

He said, ‘Muhammad’ it is said, ‘Is he sent as a messenger/. He said, “He has been sent so”. The gate was open before us. I suddenly saw Haron. Jibril said, ‘This is Haroun, bid him Alsalam.” I did and he responded and saidWelcome! You, the good brother and the good prophet and he asked Allah to bless me.

Then we resumed our journey higher to the sixth heaven. Jibril asked to have the gate open.

It is said, Who are you? He said, ‘Jibril.’

It is said : ‘And who is with you?’ He said, ‘Muhammad. ‘ It is said, “Is he sent as a messenger?” He said, ‘Yes, he is.’ The gate was opened for us. Suddenly, I saw Musa, peace be upon him. I said, Who is this? ‘He said, ‘This is Musa, bid him Al- salam. I did and he responded and said Welcome! You, the good brother and the good prophet and asked Allah to bless me. When I left him, he wept. It is said, “What makes you weep?’ He said, ‘O Lord! This lad whom you have sent after me makes more peole of his nation enter Paradise than mine and in a better way.

Then we were ascended to the seventh heaven.

Jibril asked to have the door opened. It is said, “Who are you?‘ He said, ‘Jibril’ It is said, ‘And who is with you? He said, “Muhammad !”It is said,” Is he sent a messenger?” He said, “Yes, he is.” The gate was opened for us. Suddenly, I saw Ibraheem leaning his back against the inhabited House (Ka’aba) where 10.000 Angels enter without coming back to it.

Jibril said: This is your father Ibraheem, bid him Al Salam. I did and he responded.

Then he said, ‘Wecome! You, the good son and the good prophet! O, Muhammad, bid your nation Al- salam and tell them that Paradise has a good soil, fresh water, it is a treeless level land , the plants there are: Glory to Allah, praise to God (Allah), There is no god except Allah and Allah is The Greatest.

Then I was given three cups of milk, honey and wine . I took the one with milk and drank . Jibril said to me , “Praise be to Allah who has guided you to the instinct . You hit the instinct , you and your nation.”

Everyone of the angels whom I passed by said to me : "O Muhammed , "You should adhere to AL-Hijama (cupping) . Order your nation to have cupping .

Then , I was lifted to Sidrat AL-Muntaha (a lote-tree of the utmost boundary over the seventh heaven beyond which none can

pass) . I know it is a lote tree , I know its leaves and fruit . Jibril said : Thise is Sidrat AL-Muntaha . Its fruit was as big as the great Haiar pots and its leaves were as big as elephant ears . It is the final extent end for the objects coming from under-neath or from above . Allah , the Almighty says , “When that coverd the lote- tree which did cover it.” “(AL Najm : 16)" : a golden bed . But when the order of Allah befell , it changed into rubbies , emeralds and so on . Nobody (creature) can describe its beauty .

There are four rivers in its roots : two outer and two inner . He asked Jibril and he said , ‘The inner are in heaven (paradise) and the outer are the Euphrates and the Nile rivers.’

I saw Jibril with 600 wings , spreading extraordinary things out of his feathers: pearls and rubbies, wearing a well-made red silk dress .

Then , I was taken to Paradise. Suddenly I saw there pearl domes and musk earth. While I was walking in Paradise , I reached a river the bankes of which are the hollow pearl vaults . I said: “What is this , Jibril?” He said "This is the Kawthar which your Lord, glorfied and

exalted, has granted to you . I pushed my hand inside to see the sweet - smelling musk that froms its mud and its gravel is the pearls .

I observed the Hell gate , saw most of its inhabitants are women . I saw men eating their lips by fire clippers . Then I said "O Jibril , who are those ?" He said: ”Those are orators from your nation who used to ask people to do good and forget themselves while they recite the Book (Quran) , Shouldn't they be wise ?! "

I passed by people with copper nails scratching their faces and chests with . I said : "Who are those , Jibril “?! He said : Those are the ones who eat the people flsh and used to speak ill about pepole honours.

- Bin Abbas said, 'he(Muhammad) saw Zakoum tree ....

I was lifed up until I was able to hear the pens writing the orders of Allah. Allah ' the glorified and the exalted inspired me with what he wanted ,he imposed on my nation 50 prayers by day and night, I was given the ends of surat Al-Bakara, he forgave my nation except those who disbelieve in one god, the atheists : the deadly sins makers

I passed by Jibril when he was like the outworn dress because of the fear of Allah.

I went down till I saw Musa who said,'What has Allah imposeed for you on your nation?" I said,'50 prayers by night and day."

Musa said,'I swear I have tried people before you . I have dealt with Bani Israel very hard. your nation will not forbear that. Go back to your Lord asking him to reduce your burden.' He said :" I did so saying,'O lord! Reduce my nation burden.' He reduced 5 prayers.

Then I came back to Musa who said ;" What have you done?"

I said, " He dropped 5 prayers off ".

He said, " Your nation will not forbear that. Go back and ask him to reduce your nation burden ".

I made trips between my Lord and Musa and got a five prayers drop every time until He said, " O Muhammad, they are five prayers by day and night. Each one has 10 prayers reward. That will be 50 prayers.

I went down to Musa and told him. He said, " Go back to your Lord and ask him more reduction. Your nation will not forbear that ". I said, “I went back to my Lord until I felt ashamed of Him. I am satisfied. When I finished, an announcer declared that I have passed my religious obligation and reduced my slave's burden. He who intends to made a good deed will get its reward even if he doesn’t do it. If he accomplished it will be written to him 10 times as much.

He who intends to do a bad deed, but he doesn’t, nothing will be written. If he commits it, one bad deed will be written as one.

I was among a group of prophets. Musa was standing praying. He was tall, not light and not heavy in weight, thick- haired, and strongly built as if he belonged to **Shano'a** tribe. A Isa(Jesus) Ibn Mariam (Mary) was standing praying. Isa was medium sized, of medium height. His face colour was reddish white as if he has just come out a bath (washroom), sharp- sighted, slender- abdomened very similar to Urwah Bin Masu'd Al- Thaqafi. Ibrahim (Abraham) was standing praying. The one who is the most similar to him is your friend meaning himself.

It became a prayer time. 1 stood as an Imam. When we finished praying, somebody said, " O Muhammad ! This is Malik, the Hellkeeper,

bid him Al- Salam. I turned to him and he said Al- Salam Aleikum before I did.

I asked Jibril. " I haven't seen Michael laughing, why ? ".

He said, " He hasn't laughed since the creation of Hell ".

I saw Aldajal (The Antichrist). He was huge in body, white, one of his eyes was as if it were a pearl planet, his head- hair was like tree branches and he was strongly built.

In the morning I was in Makkah. The matter was extremely hard for me. I knew that people will say that I'am telling lies to them. I sat at the Hijr secluded and sad.

Abu Jahl, the enemy of Allah passed by. He drew nearer and sat down. He said scornfully: " Is there anything new ? "I said”: Yes”. He said, " What is it ? " I said: " I was carried away tonight ". He said: Where to? I said: " To Bait Al Maqdis.

He said: " And in the morning you are with us ? "

I said: " yes ".

Ibn Abbas said that Abu Jahl didn't tell Muhammad that he was a liar lest Muhammad should deny what he had mentioned before his people if they were called.

Abu Jahl said: " If I call your people, will you talk to them about that ? " Muhammad said, " Yes.” Abu Jahl said: " O, Bani Ka'ab Bin Loay people! Come on !” They left their places, came and sat down. Abu Jahl said: " Tell your people what you have mentioned to me! ".

I said, " I was carried away tonight ".

They said: " where to ? " I said: " To Bait Al- Maqdis ".

They said: " And you became with us in the morning ? I said: " Yes ".

Some of these people clapped their hands, some put their hands on heads surprisingly for the lying. Some had already been to Bait Al-Maqdis and seen the place. They said: " Can you describe the Masjid (Mosque) for us?.

I started describing it for them and went on describing until I got confused. I have never faced such a distress. Allah brought me the Mosque and I was looking at it. So, I was able to answer every question they had. The people said: " We swear that the description is correct".

Bin Abbas said:

When prophet Muhammad said that he had seen paradise, Hell and zakum Tree, Abu Jahl said, " He is terrifying us by zakoum Tree, Bring dates and butter and eat (like they did with zakum fruit). (He was, of course, joking).

People began to gossip about the story. Some left Islam after they had been believers. They went to Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, and said: " What do you say about your friend, Muhammad, who claims that he was carried away to Bait Al- Maqdis by night ? "

Abu Bakr said: " Does he say that ? "

They said: " Yes ".

Abu Bak r said: " If he says so, then he is telling the truth ".

They said: " Do you believe that he has been to Bait Al- Maqdis tonight and came back before morning ? ".

Abu Bakr said: " Yes. I trust him and believe in more than that. I believe

in his heaven news on his going back and forth ".

For that reason Abu Bakr was ealled Al- Siddiq (the believer in all what Muhammad says)

The end. God be praised